

Appl. No. 09/997,580
Amdt. dated October 24, 2003
Preliminary Amendment

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

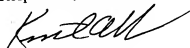
Claims 1, 4-6, 9, 12-15 remain pending. Claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 16-20 are cancelled. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to specifically designate an anti-neoplastic compound as the drug.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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